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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application

) **PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title: **MULTIPLE ANTENNA ABLATION  
APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, please consider the following preliminary amendment.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An ablation treatment apparatus, comprising:

[an electromagnetic energy source;]

a trocar including a distal end, and a hollow lumen extending along a longitudinal axis of the trocar;

a multiple antenna ablation device configured to be coupled to an electromagnetic energy source, the multiple antenna ablation device including three or more antennas positionable in the lumen and deployable from the trocar lumen in a lateral direction relative to the longitudinal axis at a selected tissue mass, each of a deployed antenna having an

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